

## Sequence and Series

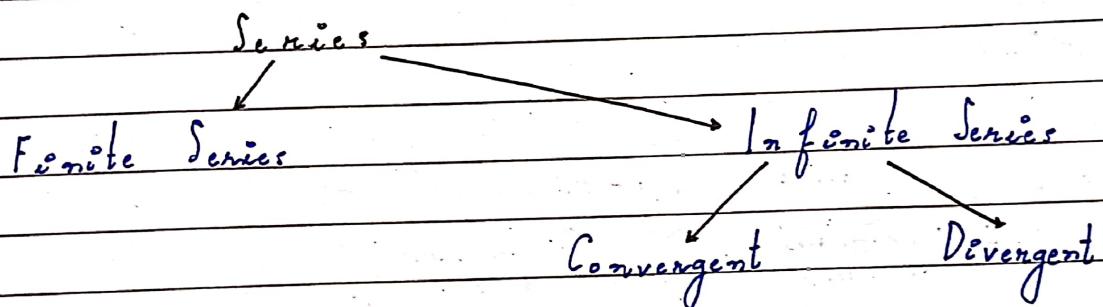
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$$S = 1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^n + \dots$$

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$$S_n = \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} = \infty \quad (\text{Divergent})$$

Case 2 : If  $r < 1$

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$|r| < 1$

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Alternating  
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$\therefore$  If  $n=\text{odd}$

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∴  $n^{\text{th}}$  term =  $\frac{n}{a \cdot n^2 + b}$

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$$\frac{U_n}{V_n} = \frac{n}{an^2 + b}$$

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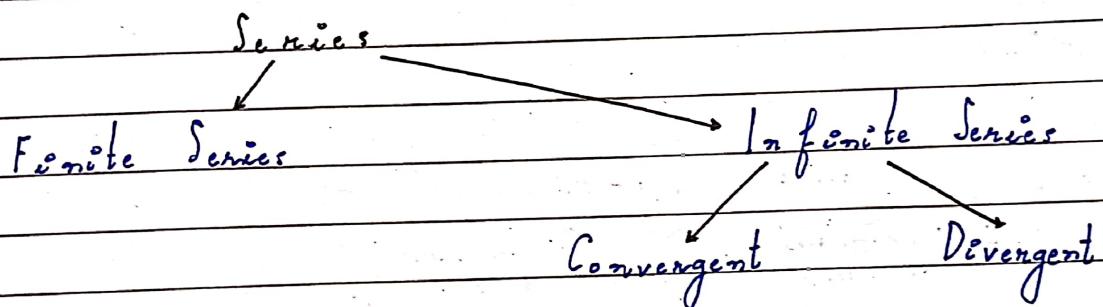
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$$\sum n^2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n-1}}$$

To calculate auxiliary series,

$$v_n = \frac{n^2}{n^{3/2}} = n^{2-3/2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{3/2} = \frac{1}{n^{-3/2}}$$

Now compare with auxiliary series

By p-test

If  $p \leq 1$  (divergent)

$$p = -3/2 < 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \frac{n^2}{\frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{n^{3/2}}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n-1}} = 1$$

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Cauchy  $n^{\text{th}}$  root test (wrt  $n^{\text{th}}$  power definition)

If  $\sum u_n$  be the terms of the positive series, and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^{1/n} = l, \text{ then}$$

$\sum u_n$  is convergent if  $l < 1$

$\sum u_n$  is divergent if  $l > 1$

For  $l = 1$ , test fail.

Ex-1) Test the series  $\sum u_n = \sum \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^n$

= Given,

$$u_n = \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^n$$

$$(u_n)^{1/n} = \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^{n/1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^n \right]^{1/n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \frac{1+1/n}{1+2/n} \right) = 1$$

$$n \left( 1 + \frac{2}{n} \right)$$

(Test failed)

Ex-2) Test the series  $\sum u_n = \sum \left( \frac{n+1}{n+3} \right)^{n^2}$

= Given,

$$u_n = \left( \frac{n+1}{n+3} \right)^{n^2}$$

$$(u_n)^{1/n^2} = \left( \frac{n+1}{n+3} \right)^{n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n^2}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{n+1}{n+3} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n+3} \right)^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{n} \right)^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e$$

$$\left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{3}} \right]^3 = e^3$$

$$= \frac{e^3}{e^2} = \frac{1}{e^2}$$

$$\therefore \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right]^x = e^x$$

According to Cauchy nth root test,  
n is 1, hence the given  
series is convergent.

Ex-3) Test the series  $\sum u_n = \sum \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{n^2}}$

$$= \text{Given, } u_n = \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{n^2}}$$

$$(u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left( \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{n^2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n} \right) = \frac{1}{e}$$

$\therefore$  The given series is convergent.

Q Test the series  $\sum u_n = \sum \frac{1}{(\log n)^n}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Given, } u_n = \frac{1}{(\log n)^n}$$

$$u_n = (\log n)^{-n}$$

$$(u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = (\log n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(\log n)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 < 1$$

$\therefore$  The given series is convergent.

Ex-4) Test the series  $\left( \frac{22}{12} - \frac{2}{1} \right)^{-1} + \left( \frac{3^3}{2^3} - \frac{3}{2} \right)^2$

$$\left( \frac{44}{34} - \frac{4}{3} \right)^{-3} + \dots$$

$$= u_n = \left( \frac{(n+1)^{n+1} - (n+1)}{(n)^{n+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (u_n)^{1/n} &= \left( \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n+1} - \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{n}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n+1} - \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{n}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{n+1}{n} \left( \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n - 1 \right) \right]^{-1} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{-1} \left( \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n - 1 \right)^{-1} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{-1} (e-1)^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{e-1} < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ Hence, the given series is convergent.

### Ratio Test (D' Alembert Ratio Test)

whenever we get factorial  $\Rightarrow$  we deal it with ratio test.

If  $\sum u_n$  is the positive term series and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = l$ , then

- ①  $\sum u_n$  is convergent if  $l < 1$
- ②  $\sum u_n$  is divergent if  $l > 1$
- ③ If  $l = 1$  test fails.

or

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Ex- Test the series  $1 + 3x + 5x^2 + 7x^3 + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_n &= (2n-1)x^{n-1} \\
 u_{n+1} &= (2(n+1)-1)x^n \\
 &= (2n+1)x^n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{(2n+1)x^n}{(2n-1)x^{n-1}} = \cancel{\left( \frac{2n+1}{2n-1} \right)} \times x$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \cancel{\left( \frac{1}{1} \right)}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \left( \frac{2n-1+2}{2n-1} \right) x$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \left( 1 + \frac{2}{2n-1} \right) x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left( 1 + \frac{2}{2n-1} \right) x \right| \\
 &= |x| \cdot \cancel{\left( 1 + \frac{2}{2n-1} \right)} = \cancel{|x|} = |x|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} > 1 \\ \leq 1 \\ = 1 \end{cases}$$

$|x| < 1 \Rightarrow$  so, that it

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = |x|$$

$x < 1$  (Convergent)  
 $x > 1$  (Divergent)  
 $x = 1$  (Test fail)

$$1 + 3x + 5x^2 + 7x^3 + \dots$$

for  $x=1$

The above series becomes

$$1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots$$

(Constant series)

Constant series is always divergent

$\therefore$  The given series is convergent for  
 $x < 1$ , divergent for  $x \geq 1$ .

$$\frac{x}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n(n+1)} + \dots$$

$$u_n = \frac{x^n}{n(n+1)}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

By using ratio test,  $\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n}$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{x^n}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{nx}{n+2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{nx}{n+2} \right|$$

$$= |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n(1)}{n(1+2)} \right| = |x| \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |1|$$

$$= |x| = |x|$$

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For  $x=1$ , the given series becomes

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots$$

= By using comparison test

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$$u_n = \frac{n^0}{n^2+n}$$

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$$\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \quad (\text{Auxiliary series})$$

By using p-test

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^p}, \text{ if } p > 1 \text{ (Convergent)} \\ p \leq 1 \text{ (Divergent)}$$

$$p = 2 > 1 \text{ (Convergent)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n(n+1)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ (finite & unique)}$$

By using comparison test

$\sum u_n$  and  $\sum v_n$  converge & diverge together but here

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = l$$

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$$\sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ (Auxiliary series)} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = l$$

- If any form is divergent, series will be divergent.
- If both are convergent, then only series will be convergent.

Hence, the given series is divergent.

Ex- Test the series:  $\sum \frac{n+1}{n^3} x^n$ .

- ⇒ If  $n^{th}$  term is not calculated by using  $a_n = a/(n+1)$  separately for both numerator & denominator many times, we do not get value while using  $n=1, m=0, n=2$  etc.

Given,

$$u_n = \frac{n+1}{n^3} x^n$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{(n+2)}{(n+1)^3} x^{n+1}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{n+2}{(n+1)^3} x^{n+1} \cdot \frac{n^3}{(n+1) \cdot x^n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{n^3 (n+2)}{(n+1)^4} x = \left(\frac{1+2}{n}\right) \cdot x \neq \left(\frac{1+1}{n}\right)^4$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1+2}{n} \right| |x| = \left(\frac{1+1}{n}\right)^4$$

= 1/4      If  $x > 1$  (divergent)  
 $x < 1$  (convergent)  
 $x = 1$  (Test fails)

For  $x=1$ , the given series becomes

$$= \sum \frac{(n+1)}{n^3} \cdot x^n$$

By using comparison test, the auxiliary series becomes

$$= \sum u_n = \sum \frac{n+1}{n^3} \cdot \text{?}$$

$$v_n = \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ (Auxiliary series)}$$

By using p-test

$$\sum \frac{1}{np} = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}, \text{ here } p=2 > 1$$

$p=2 > 1$  (Convergent)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = 1$$

Ex- Test the series  $\sum \frac{(n+3)!}{(n+5)!} x^n$

$$\text{Given } u_n = \frac{(n+3)!}{(n+5)!} \cdot x^n$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{(n+4)!}{(n+6)!} \cdot x^{n+1}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{(n+4)!}{(n+6)!} \cdot \frac{(n+5)!}{(n+3)!} \cdot x^1$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{n+4}{n+6} \cdot x^1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+4}{n+6} \right) = 1$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > 1 & \text{(Divergent)} \\ x < 1 & \text{(Convergent)} \\ x = 1 & \text{(Test fail)} \end{cases}$$

For  $x=1$

~~$$\frac{u_1}{v_1} = \sum \left( \frac{n+3}{n+5} \right)!$$~~

$$\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ (Auxiliary series)}$$

By using p-test

$p=2 > 1$  (Convergent)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = 1$$

Thus, the given series becomes divergent for  $x=1$ .

∴ Given series  $x > 1$  (Divergent)  
 $x < 1$  (Convergent)  
 $x=1$  (Divergent)

Absolutely Convergent

A series  $\sum u_n$  is said to be absolutely convergent if  $\sum |u_n|$  is convergent.

Semi Convergent / Conditionally convergent

A series  $\sum u_n$  is said to be semi-convergent if  $\sum u_n$  is convergent, but  $\sum |u_n|$  is divergent.

Leibnitz Test

An alternative series  $\sum (-1)^{n+1} u_n$  is said to be convergent if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n = 0$$

Ex - Test the series :

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum (-1)^{n+1} u_n = \sum (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \sum (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^n}$$

By using Leibniz Test,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\sum u_n$  is convergent

$$\text{Step 2: } \sum |u_n| = \sum |(-1)^{n+1} u_n|$$

$$= \sum u_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum u_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots \\ &= 1 + r + r^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_n = 1 - r^n$$

$|r| < 1$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - r^n \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{r^n}}{1 - \frac{1}{r}} = 2$$

The value is fixed & unique.

Hence, the series  $\sum |U_n|$  is convergent.

$\Rightarrow$  Hence, absolutely convergent.

Test the convergence  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5}$

$$-\frac{1}{6} + \dots$$

By using Leibniz rule

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} U_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n} \\ = 0$$

$\therefore \sum U_n$  is convergent

$$\text{Step 2: } \sum |U_n| = \sum \left| (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n} \right|$$

$$\sum |U_n| = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \dots$$

$$V_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

Auxiliary series

$$\sum V_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^p} \quad p=1$$

By  $p$ -test,

$\sum V_n$  is divergent for  $p \leq 1$ .

Hence, given series is semi-convergent.

Test the series

$$1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \dots$$

Step 1: By using Leibniz rule

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} U_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ = 0$$

$\therefore \sum U_n$  is convergent

$$\text{Step 2: } \sum |U_n| = \sum \left| (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right|$$

$$\sum |U_n| = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \dots$$

$$V_n = \frac{1}{(n)^{1/2}}$$

Auxiliary series

$$\sum V_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^{p=1/2}}$$

By  $p$ -test  $\Rightarrow p < 1$

$\sum V_n$  is divergent for  $p \leq 1$

Hence, the given series semi-convergent.